



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: PD-2

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES  
TORRANCE BOULEVARD FROM 300 FEET EAST OF PROSPECT AVENUE TO  
SARTORI AVENUE  
CITY OF TORRANCE  
RESOLUTION NO. 3893  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4  
4 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, consider the enclosed Notice of Exemption prepared by the City of Torrance, find that the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation project will not have a significant effect on the environment, find that the Notice of Exemption reflects the independent judgment of the County, and approve the Notice of Exemption.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that the proposed road improvements on Torrance Boulevard from 300 feet east of Prospect Avenue to Sartori Avenue, within the City of Torrance, are of general County interest and providing that County-aid shall be extended for this project in the amount of \$900,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Torrance is proceeding with a project to improve Torrance Boulevard from 300 feet east of Prospect Avenue to Sartori Avenue, which is entirely within the City. The project will include pavement reconstruction and resurfacing and replacement of damaged concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Your Board's adoption of the enclosed Resolution will authorize the expenditure of County Highways-Through-Cities funds in the City of Torrance for this roadway improvement project.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general county interest and that county-aid shall be provided. County-aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment and materials, or a direct payment to the city.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By improving the roadway on Torrance Boulevard from 300 feet east of Prospect Avenue to Sartori Avenue, residents of the City of Torrance and nearby unincorporated County areas, who travel on this road, will benefit from the enhanced safety of the roadway, which will improve their quality of life.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,800,000 of which \$900,000 will be financed by the County. Funding for this project is available from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On May 24, 2005, the City of Torrance filed a Notice of Exemption citing California Environmental Quality Act guidelines with the County Clerk in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

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Under the California Environmental Quality Act, the County is a "responsible agency" whose discretionary approval of the project is required in order for the City to carry out the project. The recommended findings are in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and are required prior to your Board's granting of County Highways-Through-Cities aid.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Torrance Boulevard from 300 feet east of Prospect Avenue to Sartori Avenue is on the County's Highway Plan, and the proposed roadway improvements are needed and of general County interest. No impact on current services or projects will result from this action.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter and one certified copy of the adopted Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION NO. 3893**

IT IS RESOLVED that the roadway improvements, including pavement reconstruction and resurfacing and replacement of damaged concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk, on Torrance Boulevard from 300 feet east of Prospect Avenue to Sartori Avenue, within the City of Torrance, are of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended for this purpose from the Road Fund, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the State Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$900,000.

Provided, however, that if the work mentioned above has not been started within 60 days from date of County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Acting Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund and, also, provided that immediately upon completion of the project, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Acting Director of Public Works showing the application of this money for the work performed and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Acting Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

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The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy